


SNAPSHOT>>

Louisiana

Overall Rank: 50

Change: 

Strengths:

- Ready access to adequate prenatal care
- Few poor mental health days

Challenges:

- High prevalence of obesity
- High percentage of children in poverty
- High infant mortality rate
- High premature death rate

Significant Changes:

- In the past year, the rate of uninsured population increased by 9%
- In the past year, the incidence of infectious disease decreased by 13%
- Since 1990, the percentage of children in poverty decreased by 36%
- Since 1990, the prevalence of obesity increased by 150%

RANKING: Louisiana is 50th this year; it was 49th in 2005.

STRENGTHS: Strengths include ready access to adequate prenatal care with 82.8 percent of pregnant women receiving adequate prenatal care and few poor mental health days at 2.7 days in the previous 30 days.

CHALLENGES: Challenges include a high prevalence of obesity at 30.8 percent of the population, a high percentage of children in poverty at 24.7 percent of persons under age 18, a high rate of cancer deaths at 223.3 deaths per 100,000 population, a high infant mortality rate at 9.9 deaths per 1,000 live births and a high premature death rate with 10,530 years of potential life lost before age 75 per 100,000 population.

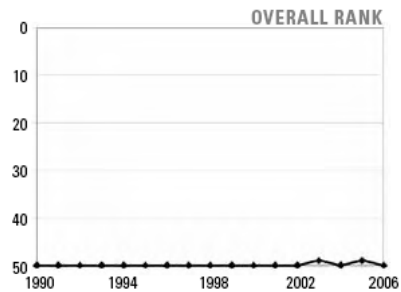
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:

- ▲ In the past year, the rate of uninsured population increased from 17.2 percent to 18.8 percent of the population.
- ▼ In the past year, the incidence of infectious disease decreased from 32.3 to 28.0 cases per 100,000 population.
- ▼ Since 1990, the percentage of children in poverty decreased from 38.5 percent to 24.7 percent of persons under age 18.
- ▲ Since 1990, the prevalence of obesity increased from 12.3 percent to 30.8 percent of the population.

HEALTH DISPARITIES: In Louisiana, the percentage of women who receive prenatal care varies from 75 percent among blacks to 91 percent among whites. Cancer is 14 percent more prevalent among Hispanics (541.7 cases per 100,000 population) than whites (477.2 cases per 100,000 population).

CLINICAL CARE: The cost of clinical care in Louisiana is moderate compared to other states and the quality of care is low. To view Louisiana in comparison to other states, see pages 111 to 114.

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	2006		2005		1990	
	DATA	RANK	DATA	RANK	DATA	RANK
DETERMINANTS—PERSONAL BEHAVIORS						
Prevalence of Smoking (Percent of population)	22.6	37	23.5	37	29.1	22
Motor Vehicle Deaths (Deaths per 100,000,000 miles driven)	2.0	41	2.0	39	3.1	43
Prevalence of Obesity (Percent of population)	30.8↑	48	26.9	46	12.3	33
High School Graduation (Percent of incoming ninth graders)	64.1	44	64.4	43	61.6*	50
DETERMINANTS—COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT						
Violent Crime (Offenses per 100,000 population)	594	42	639	45	693	43
Occupational Fatalities (Deaths per 100,000 workers)	11.7↑	46	6.0	31	11.8*	37
Infectious Disease (Cases per 100,000 population)	28.0↓	44	32.3	46	31.4	26
Children in Poverty (Percent of persons under age 18)	24.7↑	47	20.6	41	38.5	49
DETERMINANTS—PUBLIC & HEALTH POLICIES						
Lack of Health Insurance (Percent without health insurance)	18.8↑	44	17.2	42	22.7	48
Per Capita Public Health Spending (\$ per person)	\$121	33	\$121	33	—	—
Immunization Coverage (Percent of children ages 19 to 35 months)	76.0	43	74.9	46	—	—
DETERMINANTS—PUBLIC & HEALTH POLICIES						
Adequacy of Prenatal Care (Percent of pregnant women)	82.8	6	81.8	8	—	—
HEALTH OUTCOMES						
Poor Mental Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	2.7	4	2.9	7	—	—
Poor Physical Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	3.8↑	40	3.3	18	—	—
Infant Mortality (Deaths per 1,000 live births)	9.9	49	9.6	49	11.8	45
Cardiovascular Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	355.4	42	354.0	39	432.1	44
Cancer Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	223.3	48	223.5	48	210.2	41
Premature Death (Years lost per 100,000 population)	10,530	49	10,546	49	10,178	47
OVERALL RANK		50		49		50

↑ and ↓ indicate major increases and decreases in the last year. — indicates data not available. *Data may not be comparable.